

APPENDIX

In the Claims:

The following are marked-up copies of the amended claims:

3. (Amended) The glass plate manufacturing method according to claim 1-~~or~~
~~claim 2~~, wherein the sheet glass subjected to slow cooling exhibits a widthwise temperature distribution such that the surface area has a lower temperature than the edge areas.
4. (Amended) The glass plate manufacturing method according to ~~any of~~ claims 1-~~through~~ 3, wherein the strain reduction processing is carried out based on the strain distribution in the post-molding glass plate measured in advance using the optical heterodyne method.
5. (Amended) The glass plate manufacturing method according to ~~any of~~ claims 1-~~through~~ 4, wherein the strain reduction process comprises a heat treatment that forms a prescribed temperature distribution in the widthwise direction of the sheet glass after the molding is reduced when the sheet glass after molding is subjected to slow cooling by means of the heat treating unit.
7. (Amended) The sheet glass manufacturing method according to claim 5-~~or~~
~~claim 6~~, wherein the heat treatment is a process in which the temperature distribution that is formed, in the widthwise direction of the sheet glass, by the heat treating unit for heating the sheet glass is set such that the temperature difference in the widthwise direction of the sheet glass may be reduced.

8. (Amended) The glass plate manufacturing method according to any of claims 1 through 3, wherein the strain reduction process reduces strain occurring from the surface area to the edge areas by increasing the amount of extension of the surface area in accordance with the heat contraction difference occurring between the edge areas and the surface area in the widthwise direction of the sheet glass.

10. (Amended) The glass plate manufacturing method according to ~~any of~~ claims 1-~~through~~ 9, wherein the glass plate is a glass substrate used in a display apparatus.

14. (Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising liquid crystal held between a pair of glass plates formed using the glass plate manufacturing method according to ~~any of~~ claims 1-~~through~~ 10.